

TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES – FINAL

April 15, 2008

A regular meeting of the Troy Historic District Commission was held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Troy Museum. Barbara Chambers called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	Barbara Chambers Paul Lin Muriel Rounds Ann Partlan Kent Voigt Nishita Parmar, Student Representative Loraine Campbell, Museum Manager
	ABSENT	Sabah Jihad Gary Castile
	GUESTS	Ashish Manek 4820 Livernois

Resolution #HDC-2008-04-001

Moved by Rounds

Seconded by Voigt

RESOLVED, That the absence of Jihad and Castile be approved.

Yes: 5— Chambers, Lin, Rounds, Partlan and Voigt

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #HDC-2008-04-002

Moved by Voigt

Seconded by Lin

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting be approved.

Yes: 5— Chambers, Lin, Rounds, Partlan and Voigt

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Progress Report on the Troy Museum Wagon Shop

Loraine reported that the wood repairs have been completed. The windows are presently being restored by the same company. The building will be stripped of exterior lead paint and restained during the summer.

B. Certified Government Application

The group discussed the process for completing a comparison of the language and organization of the preservation ordinances of co communities that are certified local governments. They will spend significant time on this project during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Report on the revised boundaries of the Museum Historic District

The Commission reviewed the final report and discussed the status of the Troy heritage Campaign to expand the Museum.

Resolution #HDC-2008-04-003

Moved by Partlan

Seconded by Lin

RESOLVED, That the Final Report by the Historic District Study Committee to expand the boundaries of the historic district known as The Troy Museum & Historic Village be accepted as submitted Chapter 13, the Historic Preservation Ordinance be amended as described in the Final Report.

Yes: 5— Chambers, Lin, Rounds, Partlan and Voigt

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

B. HB 5952

Loraine Campbell provided a request from the Michigan Municipal League via the City Attorneys office to provide comments on changes proposed by the State Historic Preservation Office in HB 5952. The comments listed below refer to the attached Summary Statement.

Bullet 1

A 1 year time frame is acceptable

Bullet 2

Requiring the HDSC to submit a final report to the legislative body within 90 days of the public hearing rather than a year is not realistic when the conflicting timetable of regular meetings, large council agendas, and meeting cancellations are considered. Submission within 180 days quickens the pace and is realistic.

Bullet 3

State control rather than the discretion of the local unit of government is emphasized. This is a serious concern. Please see final comments.

Bullet 4

No comment. All of our districts are presently single lot designations.

Bullet 5
No problem

Bullet 6
Strongly disagree. The waiting period provides a reasonable period of time for additional public input and should be preserved.

Bullet 7
Providing copies of all this additional information is a waste of time and resources and is costly. If a decision is questioned, the documents can be requested and provided as needed. Additionally, a 10 day submission period is completely unrealistic.

The members of the Troy Historic District Commission are in complete agreement that additional historic preservation legislation, if too restrictive or onerous, will "frustrate the goal ". In the workgroup's efforts to tighten state control, reduce local control, and increase the bureaucratic process, local units of government will more likely repeal their ordinances and turn their backs on historic preservation.

C. Secretary of Interior Standards

Barbara Chambers reviewed the Standards for Rehabilitation with the Commission

D. 4820 Livernois

Mr. Manek wishes to subdivide and further develop the site. He will meet with Mark Miller regarding the merits of Historic Resource designation and other zoning classifications.

The Troy Historic District Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20 at 7:0 p.m. at The Troy Museum.

Barbara Chambers
Chairperson

Loraine Campbell
Recording Secretary